

It is wrong of Sinclair Broadcasting to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary right before the election. Not evening the score by also showing an anti-Bush documentary, or pro-Kerry one places a biased view of the candidates right before one of the most important elections of our time.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.